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SUBJECT: AFRICA POLICY: ELIMINATION OF EXTERNAL
INTERVENTION

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1. AS WE READ RECENT HISTORY, EXTERNAL INTERVENTION
IN AFRICA HAS BEEN IN RESPONSE TO AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS'
OWN REQUESTS, VIZ., SOVIETS IN SOMALIA, CUBANS IN ANGOLA,
FRENCH IN CHAD AND ZAIRE. PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF USG EFFORT
ON ISSUE OF LEAVING AFRICANS TO FIND AFRICAN SOLUTIONS
SHOULD THEREFORE BE TO PROMOTE AFRICAN CONSENSUS ON
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SELF-RESTRAINT IN EXTENDING INVITATIONS FOR FOREIGN
INTERVENTION, WITHOUT WHICH INVITATIONS EXTERNAL FORCES
ARE UNLIKELY (EXCEPT IN CASE OF CATASTROPHIC DEVELOPMENTS
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA) TO BE INTRODUCED INTO AFRICA.

2. OAU SUMMIT APPEARS BE GOOD SETTING FOR DECLARATION
OF SOLIDARITY ON PRINCIPLE OF NOT INVITING FOREIGN

INTERVENTION. WOULD BE PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE IF
SUBSCRIBED TO PUBLICLY BY AFRICA'S ELDER STATESMEN
OF VARYING POLITICAL STRIPES. USG COULD INFORM
THESE ELDER STATESMEN IN ADVANCE OF KHARTOUM MEETING
THAT, FOR NUMBER OF DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL REASONS,
USG ITSELF WOULD WELCOME NOT RPT NOT BEING INVITED TO
INTERVENE IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS, AND THAT USG WOULD WELCOME
"NO FOREIGN FORCES DECLARATION" TO ELIMINATE INVITATIONS
TO ALL OUTSIDERS. DECLARATION MIGHT URGE AFRICAN STATES
TO SEEK RECOURSE TO SECURITY COUNCIL IN FIRST INSTANCE.
IF APPROPRIATE, DECLARATION COULD BE FORWARDED TO
UNITED NATIONS FOR LATTER'S ENDORSEMENT OR OTHER KIND
OF APPROVAL. WACHOB
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